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Marginal Column

By ZE'EV LAQUEUR

THERE is always something of an anti-climax in the atmosphere on the morning after election day: the canvassers and most of the tellers go home, and the charwomen and political analysts take over. For the former, much remains to be done, what with all the leaflets and posters lying around, but this time there is little work for the latter, because there have been few changes on the whole, and none of great political significance: the newcomers, it would appear, have adapted themselves successfully to the political patterns established in this country. Everything went as expected, and party treasurers may have their second thoughts on whether all the sound and fury, and the expenditure, were really necessary.

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AT first glance, all parties, with the single exception of Mapam, can be satisfied with the results or anyway claim victory in their publications. Mapai has maintained its position remarkably well in face of the combined onslaught of the opposition. Ahdut Ha'avoda, which used to be the junior partner within Mapam, has overtaken their rivals of Hashomer Hatzair. And even the Communists can claim continuous progress, having climbed to four per cent. They are not obliged to recall on this day, after all, that they had almost twice as many way back in 1920, at the first elections to the Histadrut. Progress and decline are relative things, and almost anything can be proved in political statistics, provided you know the basic tricks.

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A closer look at the returns hardly warrants more far-reaching conclusions. According to historical experience, a party in power shows signs of fatigue after some time. But neither Mapai nor the country at large apparently believe that they can now afford a Weimar-type (or even French) constellation in which the absence of a leading force is a perpetual source of instability and crisis. As for the progress of Ahdut Ha'avoda, it is within modest limits, and their strongly nationalist appeal seems to have been more effective than their general, fairly nebulous, "radical" propaganda. It is a matter of regret that personal bitterness was generated in the elections campaign, which may make collaboration between Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda more difficult. The differences between the two parties are not much larger than those between the Bevanites and the British Labour Party and there may be room for them in one movement. The Mapam leaders, on the other hand, will be somewhat subdued today: they may draw some comfort from the fact that most people who voted for them are probably hard-core followers and they need not fear a further decline in the Knesset elections. Nor have the Progressives reason to be disappointed; though a small faction, they will continue to have some influence on the management of Histadrut affairs.

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AT least half the voters came to Israel after 1948, and hail from countries where democracy has always been, or is now, unknown. It would be unrealistic to expect a high level of political consciousness and maturity in these quarters. Elsewhere in the world, these strata are an ideal recruiting ground for Fascism and Communism. Not so in Israel, where the vast majority of the newcomers have been absorbed by democratic parties. The attempts by the Communists to make inroads among them have failed on the whole, despite remarkable efforts. Nevertheless, much remains to be done to make the new immigrants active and conscious citizens: much has been done to give them housing and work, but too little for their civic and political education. In times of internal crisis, this could become a source of real danger—unless something is done about it in time.

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POSTSCRIPT: These lines were written on Monday morning, when only a small fraction of the returns were in. But there is nothing to correct and hardly anything to add on Monday evening. Which has nothing to do with the prescience of the present writer, but very much with the innate conservatism of the Jews. People in this country do not easily switch their party allegiances and preferences. The mills of political realignment have always ground slowly. At the present moment, it is doubtful whether they grind at all.

Jerusalem, May 10.

Bulgaria, Syria Open Diplomatic Relations

LONDON, Monday (Reuter).—Diplomatic relations have been established between Bulgaria and Syria, Sofia Radio reported today.

Dr. Savva Popavramov has been appointed Bulgarian Chargé d'Affairs in Syria. He left for Damascus yesterday to take up his duties.

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Big 4 Top-Level Talks Expected This Summer

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — A short meeting of the leaders of Russia, the U.S., France and Britain to discuss European problems is expected to take place this summer, usually well-informed sources reported here tonight.

These sources confidently expected that President Eisenhower would, within the next 24 hours, give his consent to such a meeting with Marshal Bulganin, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Edgar Faure.

The meeting is expected to last for about two days.

The anticipated American agreement to the British proposal for a "summit conference" to discuss European issues would follow three days of strong pressure from Mr. Harold Macmillan and M. Antoine Pinay, the British and French Foreign Ministers.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said earlier today that he was still awaiting a definite answer from President Eisenhower on the level at which the projected four-Power conference would be held.

Conference quarters here considered it extremely unlikely that Mr. Eisenhower would refuse a proposal to Russia of a meeting of heads of governments.

East Ready to Use A-Bombs — Cepicka

VIENNA, Monday (UP). — Russia's allies are ready to use nuclear weapons against the West if war comes, Defence Minister Alexej Cepicka of Czechoslovakia said today in an address broadcast by Prague Radio.

He spoke at Czechoslovakia's biggest military demonstration since World War II on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the liberation of his country. With him on the rostrum was First Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovich of the Soviet Union. He said that West German rearmament "forces us to increase our vigilance so that there is no chance of being taken by surprise."

West Germany Enters NATO

PARIS, Monday.— A sovereign West Germany was today welcomed into NATO by the Foreign Ministers of the other 14 Atlantic Pact Nations and she promptly participated in a closed session on East-West relations in Europe.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, 79-year-old West German Chancellor, was applauded loudly at a public session when, pale and emotional, he rose to make his first speech. He spoke for 15 minutes in German, the first time that language has been heard in the proceedings of the Western Alliance.

At the same time, the black, red and gold flag of the German Federal Republic was hoisted outside Supreme Allied Headquarters in Europe, at the Palais de Chaillot, on the outskirts of Paris. In brilliant sunshine, high-ranking officers, their chests covered with ribbons won in battle against Germany, stood to attention beneath the 15 flagpoles, one of which stood empty.

An American officer gave the command: "Raise the flag of the Federal Republic of Germany."

Officers and other ranks snapped to the salute. The band of Britain's Fourth Hussars — Sir Winston Churchill's regiment — played "Deutschland Ueber Alles" and then the Marseillaise.

In five minutes, the ceremony was over and West Germany had taken her place in the Atlantic Alliance. *(Reuter, UP)*

Bulganin to Attend Warsaw Parley

MOSCOW, Monday (UP). — The Soviet delegation to the Warsaw conference which opens on Wednesday will be headed by Premier Nikolai Bulganin, and will include Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, and Deputy Foreign Minister V. A. Zorin.

The conference of Soviet bloc governments will implement the recent announcement that the Eastern European nations would draw up a treaty of mutual alliance and a joint military command, if West Germany were allowed to rearm.

Observers pointed out that in view of the fact that Mr. Molotov would be in Vienna on Saturday to sign the Austrian state treaty the following day, the meeting would possibly not last after Friday. It was expected that the meeting would end with announcement of an eight-nation "Eastern NATO."

Peking Radio reported today that China will attend the Warsaw meeting as an observer.

U.S. War Veterans Feted in Moscow

MOSCOW, Monday (UP). — Nine American war veterans who met the Russians on the River Elbe in 1945 began a reunion with Soviet veterans today with vodka toasts and a feast of caviar and smoked salmon at a banquet that began at 1 a.m.

The Americans were met at the airport last night by five members of a reception committee and a large delegation of Soviet newsmen, newsreel and still photographers and the Western Press.

They were whisked into the city in a motorcade for the late-starting banquet and a sample of lavish Russian hospitality. There was little conversation but broad smiles.

40 Trapped as N.Y. Building Collapses

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — About 40 workmen were trapped beneath tons of concrete and steel today when the big Coliseum Building, under construction here, collapsed.

Rescue workers said that steel framing three storeys above the ground gave way, sending a great mass of building materials and metal crashing on workers below.

Big 4 to Sign Austria Treaty at Week-End

VIENNA, Monday. — After the Ambassadors of the four occupying powers drafting an Austrian state treaty adjourned tonight, an authoritative source said "there is still a lot of work to be done, but we are optimistic." The conference may end late tomorrow, but more likely on Wednesday.

No communique was issued tonight. The Russians were reported to have made many concessions last week.

In Paris today, the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers agreed with Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to meet him in Vienna at the week-end for the signing of the treaty.

Bourguiba Denies Interview on Israel

By MAURICE CAER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Monday. — Mr. Habib Bourguiba's secretary telephoned me this morning saying, "Mr. Bourguiba is cabling to all Israel newspapers denying that he gave you an interview," and then hung up on me.

I hope that in this denial the Tunisian nationalist leader will retract his sweeping denunciations which he made to me explosively and in wrath, (see *The Jerusalem Post* May 8), and that his attitude not only to Israel but also to the question of world Jewish interest in the fate of Tunisian Jewry will be more reasonable when he is in a calmer mood.

(In his tirade against Israel, Mr. Bourguiba warned against "outside Jewish intervention" in the affairs of Tunisian Jews, and said "We are hostile to Israel... because Israel is colonialism").

U Nu Due Here This Month on Way to US

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). —The White House announced today that Prime Minister U Nu of Burma, will make a three-day official visit here beginning June 29.

Secretary of State Dulles extended the invitation on President Eisenhower's behalf when Mr. Dulles visited Rangoon last February. The White House said that the Burmese leader has accepted the invitation.

The Burmese Premier will leave Rangoon on about May 28 by plane, stopping en route to visit Israel, Yugoslavia, Egypt and Britain at the invitation of the Governments of those countries.

Egypt Accepts Burns Plan For Gaza with 'Minor Reservations'

General E.L.M. Burns revealed in Cairo yesterday that Egypt has agreed "in principle," with some "minor reservations," to his four proposals to ease tension along the Egypt-Israel border. He made the statement after a meeting of one and a half hours with Egyptian officials.

The proposals, made to the U.N. Security Council by the Truce Supervision chief, include barbed wire fences along the truce lines, joint Israel-Egyptian patrols with U.N. Observers, regular patrols on each side of the truce lines, and agreement between the local area commanders of both sides.

Gen. Burns said that fences would be put up along a stretch of 50 kms., beginning from the sea, to take in "the most dangerous area." He stated that Israel rejected joint patrols on the ground that this would be an infringement of her sovereignty, but he thought she would modify her stand on this point.

The possibility of a meeting of the two sides in no-man's-land depended on the success of his Cairo talks, he pointed out.

The Egyptians attending the meeting included Col. Salah Gohar, Director of Palestine Affairs at the Defence Ministry, Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmed Khairat and Major Abbas Sidky, chief of the Egyptian delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Col. Gohar said that the local commander's proposal should not be known under this heading, as it would imply direct contact between the two commanders, but should be known as "an arrangement for tranquillity along the truce lines." Liaison would then be maintained not directly, but through the respective M.A.C. delegates.

He also stated that the barbed wire entanglements should be put up inside Egyptian territory and not on the demarcation line, which in the latter case would mean Egyptian recognition of the border. Gen Burns agreed to this reservation.

Col. Gohar termed the Israel rejection of the joint patrols proposals as a clear sign of "evil intentions."

Gen. Burns is expected to return today.

(ANA, NEABS, Reuter)

CYNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Colonel Gohar's cynical announcement reveals the true Egyptian attitude towards General Burns' proposals, our Diplomatic Correspondent writes.

It now becomes clear that it is not the proposals which are important in that country, but only the technical and propaganda gains that can be derived from appearing to accept them.

Egypt's true attitude is reflected in her failure to withdraw Palestinian irregulars from the Gaza Strip border and to erect a continuous and effective obstacle along it. It is also shown in her discussions about the local commanders agreement. If the Egyptians attached any real value to this, they would not balk at concrete measures which alone can make the agreement effective, which is what they are doing at the present time.

It is to be hoped that General Burns will succeed in getting from Egypt a more positive approach towards the proposals than is being shown at present.

University Starts New Era

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new era in the hectic life of the displaced Hebrew University began yesterday when the first completed building on its new campus—Canada Hall—was officially dedicated before Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and more than 300 invited guests, the first to occupy the tiers of student desks in the splendid lecture hall.

The projected $30m. campus is being constructed on a ridge known as Givat Ram opposite the Kirya site in western Jerusalem.

Memories of the deserted buildings on Mt. Scopus, the University's first home, were much in the minds of the speakers and no doubt in the thoughts of many who sat in the audience during the opening exercises.

Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Development, himself a former Canadian, noted that the only flaw marring the occasion was the fact that the building could not be constructed on Mt. Scopus.

It is regrettable, he said, that the U.N. did not find the strength and the means of compelling our neighbours to honour the agreement by which, on the termination of hostilities, we should have had access to Mt. Scopus. He was confident, however, that the time would come when the premises would be restored to the University.

Speaking in English, the Minister charged the Canadian Zionist movement with providing the facilities for Israel youth to "enable them to contribute to the sum total of mankind's knowledge."

Canada Hall was financed by Canadian Hadassah (WIZO).

In his address, the President of the University, Prof. B. Mazar, made it abundantly clear

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Fawzi Expected In Ceylon This Week

COLOMBO, Monday. — Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister, will arrive in Ceylon soon, probably on Saturday, for a short visit at the invitation of the Prime Minister, Sir John Kotelawala, official sources said today.

This will be the first visit to Ceylon of a member of the Egyptian Cabinet.

U.S. CONGRESS TO PROBE VACCINE PROGRAMME

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). Two Congressional committees ordered investigations into the "muddled confusion" of the polio vaccination programme today as most states went along with the government plan to halt inoculations.

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Knesset Approves B.G.'s Speech By 57 Votes to 7

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The summer session of the Knesset started off with a bang yesterday when four Opposition parties assailed the Government's policies in the areas of foreign affairs and defence.

The occasion was a Communist motion of non-confidence as a result of the Independence Day speech of the Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion.

The motion failed, by 57 votes to seven, after the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, said that it had represented the views of the Government.

The House was unusually well-attended, with about half the Members and eight Ministers in their seats when the session was opened shortly after four p.m.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, who was present, did not participate in the debate.

The three other Opposition parties — Herut, Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda — all made declarations stating that they had never had confidence in the present Government, nor did they now, but they all took pains to dissociate themselves from the Communist motion, and abstained on the vote.

Mr. S. Mikunis, the Secretary of the Communist Party, charged that Mr. Ben-Gurion's speech at Ramat Gan had caused considerable political and military damage to Israel.

"Despite the political blows which came down on Israel following the Kibya and Gaza operations of the Minister of Defence, Mr. Ben-Gurion hinted clearly that he will continue to follow this adventurist road."

In his brief reply, Mr. Sharett questioned the practical value of a non-confidence motion at this time, when in any event elections were to be held in two-and-a-half months; but thought the opportunity it afforded of a fresh vote of confidence however unnecessary, could do no harm.

The speech of Mr. Ben-Gurion had contained no idea that had not been expressed in previous speeches made in the name of the Government on that very Independence Day and on other occasions.

The degree of sophistry of which Mr. Mikunis is capable could be judged by the fact that he represented Mr. Ben-Gurion's speech as the most extreme expression of submission to American imperialism, the Prime Minister declared.

Speaking for Mapam, Mr. Y. Hazan stated that the Ramat Gan speech had revealed nothing about the Government's policy which had not been known before, so there was no particular reason for using that occasion for an expression of non-confidence.

This was especially true since the motion had been proposed by the Communists, "who certainly have no right to speak in the name of the security of the State of Israel."

Mrs. Esther Raziel-Naor (Herut) asserted that Israel's political and security situation had deteriorated since Mr. Ben-Gurion's return to the Government. Herut, however, would abstain on the motion, which did not spring from concern for the nation.

The view of Ahdut Ha'avoda, as expressed by Mr. I. Ben-Aharon, was that no single, definite line was expressed in the foreign policy speeches of the various Ministers, and that Mr. Ben-Gurion's speech had not conveyed the authoritative policy of the Government, and that there was, in fact, no Government security policy at all.

To the Communists, Mr. Ben-Aharon had this to say: although the civil and national rights of the Arab minority would be preserved, this is not a land of two peoples, but the land of a Jewish State, and there should be no illusions about this.

Avidar Denies Allegation Of 'Unfriendly Act'

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuter). — The Israel Ambassador here, Mr. Joseph Avidar, called on the Foreign Ministry today to explain that the release of a group of terrorists from jail in Israel two weeks ago was not an unfriendly act towards the Soviet Union, as implied by "Pravda" in a news despatch on April 28.

The Ambassador told Mr. V. Semenov, Deputy Foreign Minister, that the prisoners had been convicted of violating Israel state security, and evidence had not been presented that they were involved in the bombing of the Soviet Legation or of plotting violence against the Czech Legation.

The Israel Embassy today announced the signature of contracts with the Soviet trade organization for the purchase of 118,000 tons of Soviet fuel oil and 50,000 tons of crude oil, to be delivered by the end of the year.

Restitution Talks In Vienna Commence

VIENNA, Monday (INA). — The Austro-Jewish talks on restitution opened today in a friendly atmosphere, with the four delegates of the Claims Conference, in addition to Mr. Wilhelm Krell, Secretary of the Jewish community, meeting the Government group headed by Chancellor Julius Raab.

The Jewish representatives were handed a short memorandum outlining the Austrian proposals to settle the problem of compensating Nazi victims. This was supplemented by oral explanations. The memorandum does not add anything substantially new to the Austrian proposal made last autumn.

Mapai Assured of Absolute Majority in Histadrut Vote

Ahdut Ha'avoda Runs Poor Second

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Monday—An absolute majority over all other parties was assured to Mapai in the Histadrut elections yesterday. About 385,000 persons voted, or approximately 80 per cent of those eligible, it was reported at the General Elections office in the Histadrut Executive building here tonight.

Though the final count has not yet been made, it is estimated that Mapai has taken the lead with 60 per cent of the votes, and Ahdut Ha'avoda-Poale Zion as runner-up with 16 per cent. The rest of the votes were divided between: Mapam, 12 per cent; Haoved Hazioni (Progressives), 4 per cent; Communists, 4 per cent; General Zionist Workers, 2 per cent and Haoved Hadati 2 per cent.

Mapai has increased its share of the votes since the last election in 1949, when they got 57 per cent of the poll. The biggest loss was sustained by Mapam. In the previous elections, Mapam, which was then united with Ahdut Ha'avoda, received 34.5 per cent. Now alone, it obtained about 12 per cent. Ahdut Ha'avoda standing alone for the first time took the lion's share of the previous Mapam vote. Between them, the two workers parties formerly constituting Mapam, have six per cent less than before.

Vote counting is still continuing in many parts of the country, particularly the ballots of those who voted outside their home district. Offices in the Histadrut Executive Building are working round the clock, but it will take some days before the results are completed.

In Tel Aviv, the first total figures showed that about 75,000 persons voted, making an estimated 76 per cent participation, with nearly 17,000 yet to be counted. Mostly out-of-district votes, the estimated percentages were given as follows — Mapai leading with 56.1, Ahdut Ha'avoda 16 per cent; Mapam 8 p.c.; Communists 6.3 p.c.; Haoved Hazioni 5.8 p.c.; General Zionist Workers 5.3 p.c. and Haoved Hadati 2.5 p.c.

A near guide to the voting in agricultural settlements is given by the estimated results of the Agricultural Council elections which gave Mapai 57 p.c. of the poll compared with 49 p.c. in 1949.

A total of 70,000 votes were cast in Haifa out of 86,000 eligible voters. About 11,000 of the votes were placed in double envelopes—used by those voting away from home.

In Jerusalem, where approximately 29,500 voted, the latest results were:

Mapai 13,394, Mapam 1,695, Progressives 1,769, General Zionists 959 Communists 769, Oved Dati 1,370, Ahdut Ha'avoda 2,872, a total of 22,479.

The 7,000 ballots still to be counted are mostly those of persons who voted outside their districts or were from other cities.

Other Results

BEERSHEBA: Of 5,850 eligible, 4,702 or 81.1 per cent voted: Mapai—2,915, 64 p.c.—14 of 21 mandates; Mapam 730, 14 p.c. — 3 mandates; Ahdut Ha'avoda—699, 13.5 p.c.—3 mandates; Communists—118, 2.5 p.c. —1 mandate; General Zionists—105, 2.2 p.c.; Progressives—55, 1.4 p.c.; Oved Dati 0.5 p.c. Mapai lost 1 p.c. as compared with 1952.

EILAT: Mapai—82 p.c.; Mapam—6 p.c. Ahdut Ha'avoda—3 p.c.; Progressives—1 p.c. Communists—3 p.c.

RAMLE: Mapai—2,111; Mapam—1,089; Ahdut Ha'avoda—314; Progressives—112; General Zionists—67; Oved Dati—16; Communists—461.

LYDDA: Mapai—2,651; Mapam—437; Ahdut Ha'avoda—601; Progressives—238; General Zionists—168; Communists—159; Oved Dati—20.

PETAH TIKVA: Of 19,500 eligible, 15,826 voted: Mapai—8,591; Mapam—1,457; Ahdut Ha'avoda—2,217; Progressives—705; General Zionist—798; Oved Dati 414; Communist—600.

Hadera, Pardess Hanna, Caesarea, Karkur, Binyamina, Givat Ada, Zichron Ya'acov, Athlit lumped together as the Shomron bloc:

Mapai — 7,657 (60 p.c.); Mapam — 1,600 (13 p.c.); Ahdut Ha'avoda—1,589 (12 p.c.); Progressives — 620; General Zionists—560; Oved Dati—159; Communists—362 (last four total of 15 p.c.).

Mapai Sees Pointer To Knesset Victory

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The workers of Israel have shown by their votes their determination to support the Mapai policy of strengthening and unifying the Histadrut, the Mapai spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* here today.

The increase of Mapai's percentage since 1949 was an important pointer for the forthcoming Knesset elections, he said.

Three Bills Given First Reading

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Three bills passed their first reading in the Knesset yesterday — an amendment to the Land Ordinance (Settlement of Right of Ownership), a Law for the Payment of Differences on Foreign Currency, and a Pawnbrokers Law. All three were referred to committee without dissent.

The purpose of the change in the Land Ordinance is to transfer to the District Courts the judicial authority now exercised by settlement officers, who rule on the ownership of land, the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, said. The settlement officers also exercise administrative functions and it is not considered desirable for the same official to have judicial duties as well.

The Foreign Currency Law would authorize the Minister of Finance to collect from individuals and firms (mainly banks) who possess foreign currency as working capital the difference in exchange rates which have taken effect since they were granted the currency. The law was presented by the Minister, Mr. L. Eshkol.

Presenting the Pawnbrokers Bill, Mr. Rosen stated that the present regulations on pawnbroking were outdated and unclear. The proposed law aims at providing reasonable conditions for those who pawn personal valuables, while at the same time protecting the interests of the pawnbrokers.

During the debate, Dr. B. Avniel (Herut) called on the Government to set aside a certain sum every year to provide small loans at a low interest for those who would ordinarily have to resort to a pawnbroker.

Albert Einstein Mourned by Knesset

The Knesset's first act yesterday was to pay tribute to the memory of Albert Einstein.

After welcoming back Members from their vacation, the Speaker, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, announced that, before turning to the agenda, he would ask the Knesset to honour the memory of the man "who, in his personality and conduct, added honour to humanity, and to the spiritual power of man."

"The Knesset of Israel rises in honour of Albert Einstein, loyal and glorious son of the Hebrew people, and, as a sign of mourning and veneration of his memory, this session will recess for five minutes."

No Great Opposition Among Mapai's Rivals

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mapai's victory in the Histadrut elections is now clear, although the final count may increase it or lower it by one or two per cent. What is more important for Mapai—and for the country's future—is that no sizeable opposition emerged among Mapai's six rivals.

Mapai leaders may, if they wish, dispense with the traditional coalition in the Histadrut Central Committee. Indeed, the unbridled attacks on Mapai by Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam may well induce its leaders to refuse to admit into Histadrut leadership representatives of parties which do not respect their prospective partners.

That Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam together mustered a lower proportion of the poll than the united Mapam a few years ago, may be taken as a sign that the electorate is hardly led by promises of an easy life and higher wages, which was one of the slogans of those parties.

The Communist rise from 2.7 per cent in the last elections to about four per cent is to be attributed to the adhesion of Dr. Moshe Sneh's followers and to habitual Communist fishing in the troubled waters of slum areas and *ma'barot*, where economic conditions are sub-standard.

Progressives Hold Own

The Progressives have held their own, if not slightly increasing their representation, while the General Zionists, who took part in the elections for the first time, will probably have to be content with an influence of two per cent—if they are not crushed by their own party distrust and that of the Histadrut as well.

The Oved Dati, never a great force, represent Mapai followers with a stronger respect for Jewish religious tradition. They maintained their level.

Mapam's come-down can be explained only in the light of the political implications which have been clear to every responsible voter. These elections, in fact, had very little to do with trade unionism and wage policy. They were fought on national politics, and primarily the question of security. Thus, Ahdut Ha'avoda, which does not have a larger number of *kibbutz* members than Mapam, appealed more to townspeople than did its main rival.

The implications of today's results for the general elections in July are manifold. There seems to be a natural tendency on the part of the electorate to support the larger parties, so that the two-party system which Mr. Ben-Gurion has said should be deliberately aimed at, will eventually come into being by the free will of the electorate.

Ben-Zvi's Leave on Cruise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — President Ben-Zvi will enjoy freedom from his official duties for 12 days on a round-trip cruise to Marseilles and back aboard the ss. Negbah on which he embarked at noon today, together with Mrs. Ben-Zvi and his Military Aide. Port personnel, the Navy and Police gave him a cordial but ceremonious farewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi arrived at the quayside from Jerusalem with their official party at 12.40. A guard of honour of the Port Police saluted the President with immaculate smartness, and the public spontaneously applauded him and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, who have not been seen in Haifa for some time. After inspection of the guard, both were greeted by Mayor Abba Khoushy; the Port Director, Mr. A. Landmann; the French Consul in Haifa, M. Philippe Simon, and the Labour Council secretary, Mr. Y. Almogi.

As Mr. Ben-Zvi went up the gangway, the Presidential standard was run up on the foremast. Aboard the Negbah, her Master, Captain E. Sagi, and Zim directors welcomed him. President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi will occupy the quarters of the Captain and the Chief Mate.

As etiquette requires when the Head of State leaves aboard ship, the senior naval officer in the Port district, Aluf S. Tankus, Commander of the Navy, called on the President to bid him farewell. The Negbah left at 1 p.m., and as she approached the harbour entry, the Navy vessel, "Eilat," fired a 21-gun official salute, which the Captain returned by lowering the merchant marine flag on his ship. (The Eilat before 1948 was a refugee rescue ship under the name of Medinat Hayehudim). Two Navy vessels escorted the Negbah, circling around her until she reached the three-mile limit of Israel territorial waters and then gave her a send-off with blasts of their sirens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi will remain aboard ship throughout their cruise.

A group of 58 WIZO women from England and Western Europe left aboard the ship.

Cabinet Decides to Act On Guri Report

At a special meeting yesterday devoted to the wage demands of various groups of Civil Servants, the Cabinet decided that immediately after receipt of the Guri Committee report it will deal with the committee's recommendations and will fix a date on which the recommendations are to take effect.

The Guri Committee was appointed last November to study the entire question of the grading and salaries of Civil Servants and other public officials.

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday voted to recommend the increase in interest on Post Office bank savings accounts from two to three per cent.

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Social & Personal

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett yesterday entertained to tea Mr. and Mrs. A.P.S. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Brotman and Dr. D. Kaplan and her daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sol Entin of Passaic, N.J., Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Haft of New York, General and Mrs. Morris C. Troper of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Swig of San Francisco were entertained yesterday at the home of Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg, Secretary-General of the Jewish Agency, and Mrs. Eisenberg.

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Dr. Walter Zimerli, Professor of Bible at the University of Gottingen, was the guest of honour at a reception given on Sunday night by Professor G. Scholem, Chairman of the Hebrew University's Institute of Jewish Studies, and Mrs. Scholem, at their home in Jerusalem.

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First inspector Max Brauntal of the Beersheba Police Force has been promoted to Assistant District Superintendent. Inspector Brauntal is in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Negev district.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. W. P. Kennedy, President of the American Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, for a 10-day visit as guest of the Histadrut; Mrs. Belle Goldstein, Deputy-President of the Women's Mizrahi Organization in America, to participate in the cornerstone-laying of the Community Centre and Youth Club in Haifa; Prof. M. Even-Ari, Professor of Botany and Deputy-President of the Hebrew University, from the U.S. after participating in the International Arid Lands Conference in New Mexico, (by El Al).

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DEPARTURES: Lord Nathan of Churt, former Minister in the Labour Government, for England after a one-week stay in Israel where he took part in the "Queen Elizabeth Forest" planting ceremony; Mrs. Dora Goldstein, Hon. Secretary of the Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain and Ireland after attending the World WIZO plenary sessions and the opening of the WIZO Baby Home; Miss Sadie Wilkinson, Public Relations Officer of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; Mr. E. Ilin, Director-General of "Kaiser-Frazer" in Israel, to Spain, Finland and the U.S. on export business; Mr. Lionel Shapiro, one of the UJA Chiefs in South Africa, and Mrs. Shapiro, after a two-week stay in Israel (by El Al).

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Mr. Israel Beitely, Managing Director of Till Co. Ltd. and Chairman of The Israel Customs and Forwarding Agents Association, Tel Aviv, has left by air for Tokyo to participate as member of the FIATA delegation to the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce to be held there from May 15 to 21, 1955.

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The work of the Hebrew University — Hadassah Medical School is to be reviewed in lectures and discussions today, the school's sixth anniversary. The Dean of the Medical Faculty, Professor E. E. Wertheimer, is to give an address at 10 a.m. at the School. Dr. David Nelkin will lecture on "The Antigens of Thrombocytes." The Assistant Dean, Dr. M. Prywes, will speak on the plans of the School, and a discussion will be held on the experiences of the School's graduates in various medical fields. At the Y.M.C.A. during the afternoon, Professor F. Bergman will deliver the Drs. Ben-David, Doljanski and Yassky memorial lecture on "The Process of Stimulation and Propagation in the Nervous System," and prizes will be awarded for doctoral theses by 1954-55 graduates.

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Dr. Cyrus Levinthal, Professor of Physics at Michigan University, is to give the first of three lectures at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, at 11 o'clock this morning. It is on "Bacteriophage as a System for Studying Molecular Growth." His second lecture on "The Mechanism of Genetic Recombination of Phage," will be given next Tuesday, and the third, on "Tracer Experiments and Molecular Weight Determination on Single Nucleic Acid Molecules," on May 24.

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Prof. Abba P. Lerner, of the Economic Advisory Staff, will lecture on "Inflation in a Depression" at 8.30 tonight at the Hebrew University, Ratisbonne, Hall 73, under the auspices of the Israel Political Sciences Association.

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Dr. H. Wydra will address the Haifa Rotary Club tomorrow on "Yogi."

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The first annual general meeting of the Jerusalem Branch of the Israel and British Commonwealth Association will be held at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem.

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BIRTH

KALEV — to Rita, wife of Avner Kalev, Second Secretary (Commercial) Israel Legation in Ankara, on May 4, 1955 — a son.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post May 10, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeal
Before Justices, Silberg, Goitein and Berinson.

Dr. K. Lehman, Appellant, v. The Yokne'am Local Council, Respondents. (C.A. 239/52).

No Arrears in Rates Enforceable Without Previous Notice

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Haifa District Court, sitting as a court of appeal, delivered on August 18, 1952 (C.A. 58/51).

The Magistrate's Court had held that the appellant owes the Yokne'am Local Council IL24,145 for rates on two plots of land situated in their area, for the period of 1945 to 1949; but had dismissed the Council's claim on the grounds that at the time at which it was filed, the Council had not been legally constituted.

The Haifa District Court, composed of Judges Etzioni, Schall and Gubernik, reversed this decision, holding that the High Commissioner's Order of December 1947 extending life of the Local Council until such time as elections should take place and giving retroactive legality to its activities from the day it took office until the day the Order was published, was valid; in any case, the Order was valid in so far as it gave future legal status to the Council as from the date it was published. Therefore on the day the suit was filed, which was after December 1947, the Council did have legal status.

The appellant appeared on his own behalf, and Dr. Guttman for the respondents.

Judgment

The judgment of the Supreme Court was delivered by Justice Berinson who after agreeing with the District Court's decision that the Council had legal status at the time the suit was filed, went on to give the Court's reasons for allowing the appeal despite this fact. He pointed out that all except one of the appellant's numerous arguments were either irrelevant or completely unfounded.

But one argument was worthy of consideration, and that was that the Council had been premature in appealing to the Court since the law demanded that a notice in writing be served on a person who fails to pay any rate levied by a Municipal Council within a period of 15 days after the rate becomes payable (Section 115 (1) (3) & (7) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance, as amended in 1940) before any action can be taken against him, and no such notice had been served on the appellant.

This argument which the appellant had gleaned from Dr. Hornstein's book on the Collection of Taxes Levied by Local Authorities, had been dismissed by the District Court for the sole reason that a contrary decision had been given by the Supreme Court in the days of the Mandate (C.A. 48/48, ALR 821).

After dismissing Dr. Guttman's counter-arguments and after pointing out that no assistance could be gained from references to English law since our law differed from that in England, Justice Berinson agreed with the appellant that the serving of a notice in writing was a necessary condition precedent to instituting proceedings for the recovery of a rate which is in arrear, as a civil debt. He dismissed Dr. Guttman's alternative plea that the filing of the suit against the tax-defaulter should be regarded as equivalent to serving a notice, holding that proceedings to enforce payment of a rate cannot be commenced until there has been a demand and a subsequent default.

He did not consider that this restriction imposed by the law placed any undue burden on local authorities, which could not be regarded as ordinary creditors since the legislature had given them wide and far-reaching powers for collecting tax debts. On the other hand, the legislature had compensated the tax-payer for the unpleasantness and the financial burden accruing to him from these powers by demanding that the necessary conditions be fulfilled before these powers are exercised.

Referring to the Mandatory judgment quoted, Justice Berinson held that if it were in fact contrary to what the Court had just held (which he could not say to be the case with any degree of certainty since the judgment was far from being clear), it had been based on a misconception and was certainly not binding today.

The Court was aware, Justice Berinson continued, that Section 114A of the Municipal Councils Ordinance allowed of imposing an automatic fine on any tax-defaulter without providing for prior notification of the fact that the rate had not been paid but it was an anomalous state of affairs that a tax-payer who had not been informed of how much tax he had to pay, nevertheless could be fined for not paying it within the appointed time. This section differed from that dealing with the collection of taxes in which it was expressly stated that before any demand for immediate payment of the overdue tax could be made, the tax-payer must first be informed of the fact that he had neglected to pay his tax and must be given 15 days in which to repair the omission. No such notice had been sent to the appellant.

Appeal allowed, and respondents ordered to pay IL50 costs.

Judgment given on May 3, 1955.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
422, 349, 48.9 & 42.5 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 7 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.45 "From Dan to Eilat" (R). 3.30 Popular Loan Draw. 4.15 Programme for Hospital. 4.45 Light Music (R). 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Language Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Haifa Programme. 7.30 Talk. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Week in the U.N. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Kol Zion Vocal Ensemble. Soloist: Esther Yitzhaki. Conductor: George Singer. "The Song of Deborah" (Admon); "Silver Lake" Suite (Weill); Overture "Henry John" (Copland). 10.30 Short Story. 10.40 Notturno (R). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGAMME
497, 469, 228, 216, 42.9 & 25.1 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.20 Ladino. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (25.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 Jerusalem Forum. 7.05 Songs of Lag Ba'Omer. 7.15 Close Down.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 "This also Happened." 11.30 Songs of Lag ba'Omer. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow and Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.30 Corps to Corps." 7.40 Noah's Ark. 8.15 Light Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.95, 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. This England. Science and Technology.

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★ **Exhibitions:—**

Watercolours of wild plants by Ruth Coppel at Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue. 10-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert Exhibition 10-1, 4-6.

Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

Exhibition of Abstract and Surrealist Art. Exhibit of the Month: "Yahuda-Haggada," illuminated Ashkenasic Passover Haggada. Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 3-6 p.m.

Spring Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists, Artists House. 10-1, 4-7.

★ **Tours:—**

Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building. King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Show:—**

Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Theatre:—**

Cameri Theatre, "The Miser," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.

Cameri Theatre, "As You Like It," Cameri Theatre Hall, 8 p.m. Habimah "The Caine Mutiny," Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m. (Festive performance in honour of the author, Mr. Herman Wouk). Bamsteinu (Ohel) "The Tale of Lazy Uts," Ohel Theatre, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (for children and youth).

Ohel, "Tea and Sympathy" Ohel Theatre.

Ohel, "Shraga Feivish Goes to the Negev," Ohel Theatre, (for Telem).

"Mit Ofene Oigen," Dina Halpern Ohel Shem, 8.30 p.m.

★ **Exhibitions:—**

1) Compositions for Murals and architectural works by S. Sebba. 2) 20th Century French Art (A. & S. Zacks Collection). Museum, daily 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:—**

"Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof," Columbia University exhibit, sponsored by U.S. Information Service; auspices Israel American Friendship League; Beit Erdstein. Opening 5.30 p.m.

★ **Recorded Concert:—**

Haendel: Israel in Egypt; Choir and Orchestra—Haendel Society, L.P. Records; Sevener Hall, 8.15 p.m.

ACRE

★ **Theatre:—**

Pesach'ke Burstein and Lillian Lux: "Leibele Letz," Musical. Gan Eden Amphitheatre, 8.45 p.m.

Performance for the Army

Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," 6.30 p.m.

RAMLE

★ **Theatre:—**

Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," 9.15 p.m.

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★ **Theatre:—**

Do-Re-Mi, Ball in Savoy, well-known operetta, Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

NESS ZIONA

★ **Theatre:—**

Dzigan and Shumacher in "Lecht Gezunderheit," 8.30 p.m.

RISHON LE ZION

★ **Theatre:—**

Cameri Theatre, "Come Back, Little Sheba," 8 p.m.

Yesterday's Press

Large Turnout For Elections Lauded

Commenting on the Histadrut elections (before the results were in) "Davar" (Histadrut) deals with the high percentage of participation, which is noteworthy in particular in view of the fact that so many of the voters were perhaps voting for the first time in their life. Another factor which might well have had an adverse influence, but did not, was the heavy sharav. The paper says that despite the violent election campaign with its mutual recriminations, the voting was unattended by any major incident. All in all it was a great victory for the Histadrut, a victory for democracy in the Histadrut. But "Davar" complains about the attempts made by the minority parties to slow down the voting and the count.

"Hador" (Mapai) declares that the workers have stood the test of the opposition parties' "calculated poisonous effort to shake the power of the Histadrut."

Most other papers dwell on foreign political topics. "Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Omer" (Histadrut) deal with Mr. Stassen's declaration that U.S. arms will be supplied neither to Israel nor to its neighbours. The former says that there is no doubt that the State Department is above all interested in Middle Eastern security. But there is no guarantee whatsoever that the arms sent to Iraq will not be used against Israel and the Iraqi rulers have again reiterated their intention to solve by force what they call the Palestine problem. The paper also says that American statesmen know very well that the American grant to the Arab countries will not be used to stamp out poverty and backwardness. "Omer" notes that Iraq has not even signed an armistice treaty with Israel and is therefore free to prepare a "second round."

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) deals with Mr. Shinwell's declaration that a Labour government would conclude a treaty with Israel. The paper says that this shows that the Labour Party has been convinced by Israel's case. The Bevin era has not been forgotten easily in this country and it would of course be too early to attribute immediate political importance to this statement. But it certainly shows that it is not true (as many people in Israel claim) that we should discontinue our appeals to the sense of justice and logic of foreign opinion. We must demand an international guarantee of our security until it becomes an accepted fact.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) strongly criticizes the negative attitude of the Austrian Social Democrats toward the restoration of Jewish property. The paper says that the stand taken by the Austrian Left tends to show again that the poison of anti-Semitism is to be found among the Left as among the Right. A political party may be hyper-progressive yet even pro-Nazi about the Jews.

Both "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) and "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) deal in their editorials with the tenth anniversary of VE-day. "Al Hamishmar" welcomes the fact that Communist leaders convene today in "liberated, revolutionary Berlin to celebrate the anniversary" and that soon thereafter an Eastern military alliance will be concluded in Warsaw.

"Herut" deals with the opening of the last legislative session of the Second Knesset.

Full-Time Summer Employment in Safad

SAFAD, Monday. — There will be full-time work for workers of this town throughout the summer, it was claimed here after a meeting between Ministry of Labour representatives, Mata'al Ha'Ooma, the Council for the Development of Safad, and the local Labour Council. Work will be available on Mata'al Ha'Ooma projects, the development of J.N.F. land and State woods.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 3.30, 6.45 and 8.45 p.m.

ARNON: Turn the Key Softly, 2nd week.
EDEN: Rhapsody.
EDISON: Magnificent Obsession, 3rd week.
ORNA: The Gypsy Queen, 2nd week.
ORION: River of No Return.
ORGIL: Public Enemy No. 1.
RON: Dance Little Lady, 2nd week.
STUDIO: Ditto, Child of Man.
TEL OR: "Roma Ore 11."
ZION HALL: Malaga.

TEL AVIV
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Encore.
CHEN: Hans Christian Andersen, 5th week.
ESTHER: Knights of the Round Table.
MATMID: Nevada, 10 a.m. till 11 p.m.
MOGRABI: Beneath the 12-Mile Reef, 2nd week.
OPHIR: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer, 8th week.
ORION: "Siamo Donne."
TAMAR: "Persiane Chiuse," 4th week. Matinees: Tycoon.
YARON: "Le Mouton a Cinq Pattes."

HAIFA

MAY: King Richard and the Crusaders.
GAL OR: Siege at Red River. Matinees: Cattle Drive.
MORIAH: Executive Suite.
AMPHITHEATRE: Night People, 2nd week.
ORAH: "Catene."
ARMON: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer.
ORLY: Ultimo Incontro.
EN DOR: Jamaica Run.
ORION: Romeo and Juliet, 2nd week.
ATZMON: Brigadoon, 2nd week.
PEER: Song of Fellows.

At the Cinema

CINEMASCOPE has come to Tel Aviv's second cinema, the Esther, with "Knights of the Round Table," M.G.M.'s first venture in the new medium. Though the film has a few incongruities, it is on the whole a highly successful effort to re-create the story of King Arthur and the days of chivalry and pageantry. Robert Taylor is very good as Sir Launcelot, while Ava Gardner is a lovely Queen Guinevere. Mel Ferrer seems strangely miscast as the king, but Stanley Baker is an effective villain, and Anne Crawford and Cecil Parker are among a number of good English players who fit well into the scene.

However, it is the photography and striking colour formations enhanced by the wide screen, that are this interesting picture's big asset. Filmed in England, on the actual sites of Malory's legend, many of the scenes are extremely beautiful. Some of the battle sequences, from the thrilling moment when the two armies of knights line up for combat, recall similar scenes in "Henry the Fifth." **J. L.**

OLYMPICS REPRESENTATIVES

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Messrs. Yosef Yekutiali and Haim Globinsky have been chosen by the Israel Olympics Committee to represent Israel at the International Olympic Committee meeting in Paris on June 10.

BOXERS MAY GO TO U.S.

TEL AVIV, Monday. — An Israel boxing team is likely to tour the United States for two months at the invitation of a group of pro-Israel American boxing enthusiasts. A request from America, approved by the Foreign Ministry, is to be discussed by the Israel Boxing Association.

VALIGNAT OUTPOINTS KEENAN

SYDNEY, Monday (UP). — French bantamweight Andre Valignat tonight caused a major upset in world ratings by easily outpointing the British Empire bantamweight titleholder Peter Keenan in a 12-round bout at Sydney Stadium.

U.S. BASEBALL
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Local Tennis Lacks Equipment

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Lack of equipment, particularly tennis balls, and a weakness in the organisation of training facilities, is hindering the development of tennis, Arieh Avidan (Weiss), who last month won the men's singles in the annual international tennis tournament, has told *The Jerusalem Post* here. The fact that Israel had so decisively defeated Norway in the recent match between the two countries showed that tennis here was by no means in as bad a state as some pessimists constantly reiterated, and disproved their contention that it was not worth even talking about improving conditions in the game.

Arieh Avidan

Balls were only provided for practice a month before a tournament, said 27-year-old Avidan, a member of Maccabi (where he learned his tennis), which is the main organizer of the game in Israel. At other times, balls are often completely lacking and most players cannot afford to buy them at exorbitant "black market" prices.

He believes, however, that more could be done by the Israel Tennis Association and the tennis clubs themselves to utilize what facilities there are. He suggests: more competition among top-ranking players to compensate for the badly felt lack of opportunity to meet players from other countries; more attention to be paid to organization of training schedules, so that a player does not turn up at his courts and then find nobody of his own standard to play with; adequate expenses to be paid to players. Mr. Avidan, who is Israel's most travelled player, having made six tours abroad including two Davis Cup appearances, pointed out that it should be remembered that in most other countries potentially good players are enabled to devote much more of their time to tennis than is possible here. They receive all sorts of help from their tennis association, and from other authorities. Better central organization of the game is a difficult problem, because those responsible simply have not the time to devote to it after a full day's work elsewhere, he commented.

Mr. A. Feiger, Secretary of the Israel Lawn Tennis Association here and President of the Maccabi Tennis Section, stated that the basic problem hindering the development of the game is lack of balls, for which the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has constantly refused to grant import licences. However, there were now good hopes that this attitude would finally be changed.

He revealed that when the Maccabi Jubilee Tennis Fortnight started recently, only two dozen balls were left in reserve, whereas at least 15 dozen were needed. But for the last-minute receipt of a gift of balls from Britain, arranged by an American here, it would have been impossible to complete the event. The game was being kept alive by gifts like this and those of Dunlops. On the black market a small number of balls were selling at "fantastic prices."

'Toulouse' Wants Tour Invitation

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The French soccer team, "Toulouse," has asked the Israel Football Association about the possibilities of a tour of Israel at the end of this month or the beginning of next. All League "A" clubs have been notified of the French request.

A Morning
Hebrew Ulpan
is opening on June 1, 1955, at the Beit Hahalutzot, 27 King George St., Tel Aviv. Classes will be held daily between 8 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. There will be courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.
Ulpan students will be able to attend a bookkeeping and office work course which is to open following their graduation.
Registration at the offices of the Jewish Agency, 49 Rehov Ha'aliya, Tel Aviv, daily between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

מס הכנסה
BUSINESSMEN AND COMPANIES
who have completed their reports as at Dec. 31, 1954, are requested to submit the reports to the Income Tax Assessing Officer by May 31, 1955, and to attach a bank draft to cover taxes not yet paid. Attention is called to Sections 43 (a) and 62 of the Income Tax Regulations.

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HAIFA: Natan, 31 Joseph, 2364. Weisl, 31 Ha'atzmaut, 4536. **KIRYAT BIALIK:** Bialik, 7230. **SAFAD:** Feldmann.

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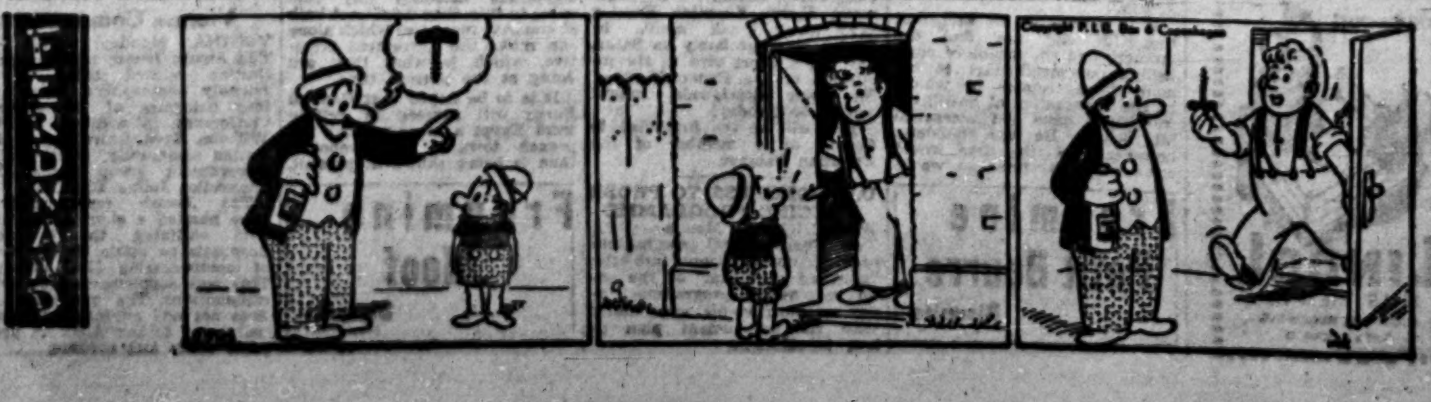

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy, becoming fair.

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Mt. Cana'an	30	20	27	24
Tiberias	[illegible]	22	33	33
Haifa Port	68	26	30	26
Natanya	75	21	24	25
Tel Aviv Kirya	66	20	24	26
Tel Aviv Port	82	21	22	23
Lydda Airport	61	20	27	28
Jerusalem	46	20	26	25
Beersheba	55	12	29	31
Eilat	38	25	36	35

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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78 IMMIGRANTS arrived yesterday from India — mainly Cochin — in two flights, one from Nicosia and one from Bombay, ending a six-week interruption in airborne immigration. They will be transferred to the Sha'ar Aliya camp near Haifa.

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A FIRE broke out yesterday at Kfar Aza and destroyed 200 tons of green fodder. Damage is estimated at IL20,000. The Beersheba firefighters were engaged in extinguishing the flames from 5 p.m. Sunday until 4 a.m. yesterday.

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ROAD COURTESY and the exercise of more care by pedestrians are to be the slogans of the summer campaign of the National Council for Prevention of Accidents.

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ONLY TOKENS, each costing 80 pruta, can be used in making local telephone calls. They can be purchased in all post offices and at authorised shops.

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AN IRON SAFE which is said to have contained IL183 in cash, was stolen from the Jerusalem branch of the "Davar" newspaper on Saturday night.

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A DEFAMATORY LETTER, written in Yiddish, was recently sent to the Zion Christian Mission in Rehov Hanevi'im in Jerusalem. The letter has been turned over to police who are investigating.

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A STEEP decline in the number of complaints to the Haifa Port Management regarding theft of goods in the docks is officially reported since the setting up of a special port police force numbering 120 men and the introduction of improved security methods.

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A PREVIEW of Walt Disney's latest film, "Peter Pan," which is to be generally released in Israel next week, was shown to the Press at the Migdalor Cinema in Tel Aviv yesterday.

CAPITAL'S CIVIC LEADERS MEET ROKACH

The need for appointing regional liaison officers between the Jerusalem Administration and the population of the city was discussed at a meeting yesterday morning between the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, and a delegation of the Hovevei Yerushalayim Civic Association. The meeting was held to consider various ways of improving the relationship between the administration and the public.

P.E.C. WARNS CONSUMERS

HAIFA, Monday.—The unauthorised use of electric boilers by domestic consumers during daylight hours is putting an excessive load on the generating capacity of the Palestine Electric Corporation, it is learned from the company here. The P.E.C. has published a warning to householders that if they are found using their boilers outside the permitted hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. they will have their current cut off.

NEW DIALLING SYSTEM

Jerusalem and Haifa telephone subscribers will have to dial "10" instead of "0" for inquiries, complaints, booking of overseas calls, information regarding doctors and pharmacists on duty, from Thursday onwards.

The number "0" will be used for the inter-urban direct dialling service shortly to be introduced between Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Oil: 400 gms., Peh 10, temp. 1. Imported butter: for invalids with Med. Assn. cards. Poultry: for Aleph, Bet and Gimel cards, Peh 26.

HAIFA: Margarine: 600 gms., Peh 9, temp. 9. Cooking oil: 400 gms., Peh 10 temp. 1. Rice: 250 gms. for Aleph cards, 200 gms. for Bet cards, Peh 5, temp. 21. Filled chocolate: 1 package on Aleph, Bet and Gimel cards, no coupon, temp. 12. Cornflour: 600 gms., for Aleph cards, no coupon, temp. 25. Coffee: 60 gms., for Dalet and Heh cards, Peh 6, temp. 25. Imported butter for invalids: 100 gms., Het Aleph 1, 2, 3, Het Bet 5, 6, 7, 8, Het Gimel 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Expert Sees Progress In Administration

TEL AVIV, Monday (USIS). — During the past year-and-a-half Israel has made "appreciable" progress in its public administration, and a further step forward will be achieved with the forthcoming establishment of an Administrative Planning Unit under the Civil Service Commission. This was said by Mr. John D. Corcoran, Assistant Executive Director of the Public Administration Service, Chicago, who has just completed an eight-day visit to observe progress made here in public administration.

Mr. Corcoran spent four months in Israel in the summer of 1953. As a result of his visit and an extensive written report, three programmes in income tax administration, personnel and records management administration, were introduced under U.S. experts.

Mr. Corcoran said he had found "very satisfactory" progress in all three programmes which will be completed within a year. The records management programme — dealing with Government records design, handling and disposal — is to be concluded in about two months.

He noted particularly the progress attained in the past 12 months in the delegation of authority, more attractive offices, better services offered to the public and well trained office staff, such as receptionists, telephonists and secretaries.

The Public Administrative Service is a non-profit, research and consulting organisation which works exclusively in the governmental field. Its original capital was furnished by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Fund.

UNESCO ASKED FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES EXPERT

The various problems which beset a new state have led Israel to request the services of a Social Sciences specialist who will concentrate on the study of tensions for six months, UNESCO reports.

To enable Israel teachers and technicians to further their studies, five fellowships are being provided, two in the supervision of primary education, one in nuclear physics, one in education through arts and crafts, and one in educational broadcasting.

Saphir Back After Buying 'Bristols'

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — The Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir, returned today from a five-day visit to London where he concluded negotiations regarding the import of three Bristol "Britannia" planes for the El Al Company, and of 150 buses, in addition to the British-made buses already ordered.

Apart from these three planes, the Bristol Company has offered El Al an option on another two on easy terms within a year.

Mr. Saphir also announced that an import licence had been issued for parts of the small Consul automobile, but not for finished cars. This was in reply to rumours that finished Consul cars would be imported from England, as a result of which workers had been dismissed from the "Kaiser-Frazer" factory. *(Itim)*

SAPHIR'S PRE-LUNCH ORDER: 3 BRITANNIAS

LONDON, Monday (INA). — The first overseas sale of the Bristol Britannia airliner was made yesterday and Britain earned £3.5m., all in dollars, when the Israel Transport Minister, Mr. Joseph Saphir, visited the factory, had a flight, placed an order, and signed a cheque, all before lunch.

I.P.O. INTERVIEWED ON FRENCH TELEVISION

Members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra were interviewed on television yesterday in Paris where they were due to give their first concert in France at the Palais de Chaillot in the evening.

The orchestra arrived in Paris by air the previous midnight after their successful Scandinavian tour, and were received at the airport by Mr. Zvi Herman of the Jewish Agency Executive and a member of the Orchestra Management.

"HILL 24" GOING TO CYPRUS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer" will have its first public showing in Cyprus later this month, the first time that the film is to be shown commercially abroad, *The Jerusalem Post* is informed.

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Nehemia Gets Life For Bension Murder

Shaul Nehemia, 30, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday by the Jerusalem District Court which found him guilty two months ago of the murder of Dr. S. Bension in August, 1954. His two accomplices, Avraham Siton and Mordecai Godian, both 22, were recently given life terms.

Nehemia was also sentenced to 16 years in prison for the attempted murder of Dr. Bension's son-in-law, Mr. Gideon Rynar, who was severely wounded when the murder took place.

In pleading for clemency, his advocate, Mr. H. Kassis, stated that Nehemia recently tried to commit suicide in Tel Mond prison after hearing the judgment on his accomplices. Mr. Kassis feared that Nehemia might try to take his own life again and that he needed special care. Mr. E. Hedaya, the District Attorney, noted that he would not object to a recommendation to this effect. The Court declared that this lay within the province of the prison authorities.

Mr. Kassis, who outlined Nehemia's past from the age of 16 when he lost a leg in an accident, said that after he was evicted from the apartment belonging to Dr. Bension, he became "possessed of an evil spirit which pursued him."

The Court was composed of Judge Z. E. Baker (Relieving President) and Judges M. Gaulan and Y. Cohen. *(Itim)*

Court Orders Release Of Prisoner

The Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice yesterday ruled that a person sentenced under the old penal code, which provided that sentences would be reduced by one-third for good behaviour, should enjoy this benefit automatically.

The Court ordered the Warden of Dimon Prison to free immediately Zvi Smeltzer, who was sentenced to three months in prison for manslaughter and had already served two months. Smeltzer was represented by Mr. A. Gordon, who applied for a writ of *habeas corpus* last week in order to effect the release of his client.

The Court was composed of Justices Silberg, Goitein and Berinson. *(Itim)*

2nd Water Reservoir Voted for Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A second water reservoir is to be built in the capital, according to a decision taken yesterday by the Jerusalem Municipal Commission.

The project is to be financed from half of the £64,000 received from the Mandatory Water Renewals Fund. The other half of the sum is to be used to balance the present water budget and to extend the water pipe system.

The Commission also decided to raise the price of water to 30 Corridor settlements from 150 to 170 pruta a cubic metre.

The Commission set up two committees, both of which are to report back within a month, one on finding a "proper site" for a garbage disposal dump, and the other on erecting a new slaughterhouse. A sum of IL20,000 has been earmarked for the second project.

It was announced that the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, has authorized the payment of vacation allowance to former Mayor Y. Kariv on the implicit understanding that this does not create a precedent. The case of Rabbi M. Porush, former Deputy Mayor, who is also demanding vacation pay, has not yet been decided.

12-Seater Taxis For Tourist Trips

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The first of three American De Soto 12-seater luxury taxis, especially built for long-distance travel, are to arrive later this month, and two charabancs will be coming in two months' time. This was stated here today by Mr. K. Rosenberg, President of Kopel Tours, who recently returned from a business visit abroad.

The taxis, which have four doors on each side, have many new amenities, including intercommunication systems, air-conditioning and cold water storage tanks cooled by this air system. The buses, Super Whites, are similar to the four already owned by the company.

Mr. Rosenberg said that more vehicles were urgently needed to cope with the demands of tourists. In spite of overcrowding of vehicles, naturally resulting in unsatisfactory service, it had been impossible to fulfil the orders of all the tourists who had wanted to go on tours in this record season.

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that the new campus did not supersede the old one on Mt. Scopus, and that the institution's former home would never be renounced. Givat Ram was merely an extension of Scopus, he stated.

The Canadian Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Terence MacDermot, who flew from Greece especially for the occasion, stated that he could not "help being affected by the courage which had constructed from this rock one more in the chain of free universities."

The Chairman of the Development Committee, Mr. Daniel Auster, stressed the friendly attitude between Canada and Israel, and specifically the devotion of Canadian Jewry towards Israel.

Mrs. Sally Gottlieb, National President of Canadian Wizo, who had cut the ribbon across the entrance and declared the building open, expressed the pride felt by her organisation's 15,000 members at being responsible for the existence of Canada Hall. She presented Prof. Mazar with a plaque containing the Canadian coat of arms.

Greetings were brought on behalf of the Canadian Zionist Organisation by Mr. Edward Gelber, President. He expressed the gratitude of his wife and himself for the honour of having the departmental library in Canada Hall named after them on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. He said they hoped to provide the means for furnishing it adequately.

Mrs. Rebecca Sieff brought greetings in the name of World Wizo, of which she is president.

Following the signing of the scroll, and the playing of "Hatikva" and the Canadian National Anthem, the Gelber Library was dedicated, and two trees were planted in front of the building by Mrs. Gottlieb and Mrs. Nina Cohen, Vice-President of Canadian Wizo. The maple trees that were sent from Canada for the planting were delayed en route.

Later, Mr. MacDermot unveiled a plaque on the adjoining Chaim Weizmann memorial laboratories.

Special interest was taken in the five-meter-high banana frond symbol, designed by Mr. Moshe Ziffer, embellishing the southern wall of the building and designating it as a lecture hall for scientific studies.

UN Observers Probe Indo-Pakistani Clash

KARACHI, Pakistan, Monday (UP).—U.N. Observers today investigated a clash between Indian troops and Pakistani border police on the cease-fire line of Kashmir state on Saturday.

India's Defence Department announced in New Delhi that 12 Indians were killed in the eight-hour clash, six soldiers and six civilians, and one U.N. military observer, whose nationality was not given, were wounded. The Pakistanis were reported to have suffered three casualties.

The Indian Government announced that it has lodged a strong formal protest with the Government of Pakistan over the shooting incident.

An announcement issued by the Pakistani Cabinet Secretariat said that the incident "resulted in casualties on both sides." But the number of Pakistani casualties was not given.

The Indian Defence Department reported that Pakistani police had opened fire on an Indian tractor team working under the protection of a small military escort in the disputed border area, and the Indian troops had returned the fire.

British Brutal in Cyprus, Greece Tells UN

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — In a letter to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld, the chief Greek delegate to the U.N., Mr. Christian Palamas, accused the British Government of Cyprus of "a policy of brutal aggression in order to stifle any expression of the will of the people."

The letter was described as an "information document" for circulation among all members. The letter said that the situation in the island was of "a particularly alarming aspect."

Malki Probe Ends

Investigation into the assassination of Col. Adnan Malki, Syrian Deputy Chief of Staff, on April 22, has been completed and the formal charges will be formally published within the next few days, NEABS reported yesterday from Damascus.

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23 Countries Take Exports from Haifa

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Monday. — Exports through the Port rose to 7,388 tons last week, with the shipment of 35 different items to 23 countries.

Belgium was the week's biggest buyer, taking 3,049 tons of pyrites residue (for iron production). Burma followed with 1,806 tons, mainly of cement and smaller quantities of fruit juice, plywood, tires, nails and boards. Turkey was third with 442 tons of cement and plate glass.

The biggest single export item was the pyrites residue to Belgium, followed by 1,777 tons of cement to Burma, Turkey and Eritrea, and 1,297 tons of scrap iron to Holland and Italy.

Among the items shipped were 59 tons of candles, sweets and chocolates, Bezalel type ornaments, glass and ornaments for the U.S., 12.4 tons of plywood and iron goods for Canada, 4.5 tons of olive oil for North Africa, eight tons of insulation boards for the Belgian Congo, 1.9 tons of refrigeration units for the Gold Coast, 30 tons of tires and razor blades for Bulgaria.

Goods sent in smaller quantities included feathers, motors, groundnuts, bananas, pencils, penicillin and electric refrigerators.

Gov't to Introduce Efficiency Campaign

An efficiency campaign, which is expected to result in substantial reductions in costs, is to be put into operation in the near future in Government offices by the Civil Service Commission, Mr. David Rosolio, Civil Service Commissioner, has announced.

A special unit for "Organisation and System" is now being set up to implement the campaign, which is based on the findings of two Canadian experts.

Part of the campaign, dealing with work simplification, is already in operation in several offices.

Trade Group Discusses Israel's Exports

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday.— The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Z. Susayeff, returned today by El Al after a three-week visit to the U.S. where he opened the second annual congress of the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce. The question of increasing Israel's exports to the U.S. was discussed, he stated, with encouraging results.

Mr. Susayeff said he also dealt with a number of other problems during his stay, including the preparations for the first Chamber of Commerce convention to take place in Israel on June 2, and the joint activities of Zionist organizations with the Development Bond Drive Executive, which as yet has shown no progress. *(Itim)*

U.S. Groups Urge Religious Aliyah

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — Representatives of nine major religious Jewish organizations voted yesterday to set up a permanent committee on religious *aliyah* for the U.S., and requested the Jewish Agency to establish a special section to assist religious Jews who wish to settle permanently in Israel.

In a unanimous resolution urging the promotion of *aliyah*, the delegates asserted that monetary contributions do not answer all the needs of the State, and that immigration of traditional Jews from the U.S. is imperative "if we want a religious Israel."

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Women lighting candles at the grave of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai in Meron. (Photo by Braun)

40,000 in Meron for Lag Ba'omer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Monday.—Lag Ba'omer celebrations brought 40,000 pilgrims to Meron today to the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai.

The festivities began early this afternoon in the house and courtyard of Rabbi Meir Abou in the Sephardic quarter here, who initiated the practice of carrying the Scroll of the Law to Meron on Lag Ba'omer. Among the pilgrims this year were the Minister of Posts, Dr. Y. Burg, Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim and the Army Chief Chaplain S. Goren. Orthodox members of all the armed services met together and later marched in formation to the tomb of Rabbi Shimon. An Army parade was taken by Dr. Burg, and a service was held for the soldiers who fell in the battle for the liberation of Galilee.

The appearance of Chief Rabbi Nissim, who was accompanied by a bodyguard, was greeted with loud applause. A torch lit on Mt. Zion was brought to Meron by Dr. S. Z. Kahana, Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, to Mr. Raphael Abou. The latter handed it to Chief Rabbi Nissim who, in turn, passed it on to Safad's Chief Rabbi Simha Kaplan.

Lag Ba'omer, the 33rd day of the forty-nine-day period between Passover and Shavuot, is celebrated for the cessation of a plague which is supposed to have killed many of the pupils of Rabbi Akiva. The day also marks the lifting of the Rabbinic ban, for his one day, against marriage during the seven weeks period.

Several dozen Druze of Beit Jann joined the procession of the Scroll of the Law, dancing the *debka.* In addition to the bonfire at the tomb of the Sage, fires were lit on the neighbouring hills by Army units and youth movements.

More than the usual number of overseas guests joined the pilgrims this year, and the flow of cars and buses to and from the town was incessant today. The subsiding of the heavy *sharav* towards evening was a welcome relief to the crowds of enthusiastic but perspiring celebrants.

Hundreds of bonfires were lit in various parts of Jerusalem, some of them shooting flames two storeys high above which effigies were hung.

The Tel Aviv Municipality gave a party for children of the city at the Independence Garden there yesterday. Last night, bonfires were blazing merrily as the younger generation celebrated the festival in traditional fashion.

EXERCISES AT EILAT

For two successive days, Israel forces have carried out large-scale manoeuvres at Eilat, using planes, ships, rockets and powerful projectors at night, "El Jihad," Old City daily, reported from Akaba yesterday.

YEMEN TO ADHERE TO CAIRO-SPONSORED PACT

CAIRO, Monday (UP). — "Al Ahram" today quoted Prince Mohammed el Badr of Yemen as saying that Yemen will join the projected new Arab alliance announced in March by Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

El Badr, Premier designate of Yemen, is on an official visit here on behalf of his father, Imam Ahmed, to thank Egypt for her attitude in the recent unsuccessful rebellion against the Imam.

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Cables in Brief

SEMINAR. — Delegates and observers from 19 Asian countries are attending a week-long trade union seminar which opened in Rangoon yesterday, sponsored by the Burma Trade Union Congress to discuss industrial conditions in Asia.

QUAKE. — A fairly strong earthquake shook several parts of Algeria late on Sunday night, but there were no casualties. The tremors occurred in Algiers, Orleansville, Tenses, and Cherchell, causing the population to flee their homes.

FUJIYAMA. — Three thousand Japanese, crying "protect our sacred Mt. Fuji," demonstrated yesterday on the foothills of Japan's famed mountain against U.S. Army plans to fire live artillery ammunition over two bus trails. Trouble is expected today, as the U.S. Army will carry out the planned firing.

Jamali Discussing Peace Pact in Japan

TOKYO, Monday (UP). — The former Iraq Premier, Fadhil al Jamali, and high Japanese officials agreed today that the two Governments should conclude a peace agreement.

Jamali discussed opening relations with Japan when he met for 20 minutes with Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama and Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu.

Iraq signed the San Francisco peace treaty ending the state of war with Japan but did not ratify it.

Mr. Shigemitsu proposed that Japan open a consulate in Baghdad as the first step towards normal relations with Iraq. Jamali agreed that the suggestion would be a good step.

ABDUL HALIM PROMOTED

Abdul Halim e-Saket, Arab Legion Commander of the Old City area, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel, "Falastin" reported yesterday.

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Economic News from Abroad

Turkey's Trade

● Turkey' imports totalled T£1,340m. (equivalent almost to $500m.) in 1954, while her exports amounted to T£940m. The deficit was largely accounted for by big imports of machinery and other industrial equipment, including over T£100m. worth of railway rolling stock. In addition, Turkey had a considerable negative balance in invisible imports and debt service. Foreign debts are costing here over $15m in interest and repayment this year, and she is making T£22m. worth of deliveries in kind of such staple commodities as tobacco.

Atomic Electricity Costs

● Opinions are still divided concerning the cost of atomic power generation, but experts have made approximate estimates, showing that an atomic power plant does not differ in many respects from a conventional one. According to the low estimate, capital investments would be only 10 per cent higher and atomic electricity could be sold 20 per cent cheaper than at present. An estimate that is more widely accepted arrives, however, at capital costs about 2.5 times the present figure and power rates 20 per cent higher than today. The U.S. Atomic Power Commission has estimated that between two and 10 per cent of American electricity requirements would be supplied by atomic energy by 1975, while in Britain the proportion may be as high as 20 per cent.

Canada's Investments Rising

● Projected new investment in Canada is expected to reach $5,800m., i.e. six per cent more than last year, in 1955. Purchases of machinery and equipment are expected to fall slightly, but expenditure for new construction and in particular for housing, is to rise by 10 per cent. Investment in mining and the oil industry is likely to increase by a quarter. The non-ferrous metals, chemicals, paper and pulp industries will also expand considerably, but in other manufacturing industries further decline is expected.

Prolonged Boom in Austria

● Austria is enjoying a prolonged economic boom. The retail trade turnover is running 15 per cent above the 1954 figures and unemplement has fallen by a third. Half of one per cent only of the total labour force were registered as unemployed in February. Rising industrial production is reflected also in the volume of raw material imports, but exports have declined somewhat owing to restrictions on lumber export. The considerable expansion of credit has not affected prices or wages so far.

The U.S. Wine Market

● A campaign to educate Americans in tasting the finer qualities of table wines has been sponsored by a wine trade association in order to develop what is seen as a big potential import market. Although wine consumption has risen by about 40 per cent in the U.S. since the war, the *per capita* average is still low by European standards, and imports provide only five per cent of the total. The main market is the East Coast, where Californian wines have to bear the highest transport costs.

Nato Aircraft Orders

● A new blow to the high hopes of the British aircraft industry has been dealt by the Nato decision to reject the "Gnat" light fighter design of the Folland company and to place orders for this kind of aircraft with Italian Fiat and the French Breguet and Dassault companies. Like the Gnat, however, all these aircraft are powered by the light Orpheus machine developed by the Bristol Aeroplane Company.

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INCENTIVES FOR EXPORT

It is very unlikely that in their present pre-election mood the Government or the Knesset will be ready to tackle the complex and controversial problem of export incentives. This should not, however, distract us from stressing the vital importance of this issue, which is certain to gain in volume and in urgency as time goes on.

To be sure, foreign trade figures for the first months of 1955 show that export proceeds have continued to increase and are running about 20 per cent above last year. But one should not forget that for the time being this level has partly been made possible by the big credit swing we have accorded Turkey and by our readiness to assist sales to this — and some other — markets by purchases well above world market prices. As our exports account for more and more of our foreign currency requirements we must become increasingly hampered by the strings attached to the free use of their proceeds, which often rob us of the major part of the apparent profits.

Moreover, our partners in trade are showing ever more reluctance to concede the high prices demanded by our exporters. This resistance has already forced us to abolish the 10 per cent disagio for exports to Finland and other Scandinavian countries may follow suit before long. And it is uncertain whether this step will prove sufficient to ensure our goods an equal price standing with competing exports.

As a matter of fact, the export targets set in the foreign currency budget for the current year (1955/56) prove that the authorities do not share in the common optimism in this respect. Total proceeds are assumed to reach only $90m. compared with $78m. estimated for last year. It is possible that the estimate has intentionally been kept low in order to provide a reserve against deficiencies in other items (for it appears to be even less than the actual proceeds during 1954/55), but it nevertheless evidences the cautious attitude of government planners. The increase they hope for is to come mainly from bigger sales of citrus, other agricultural products, cement, tires, and some metal good and pharmaceutics. In most other articles no substantial increase is expected (not even in minerals and chemicals) and the export of motor vehicles and textiles is expected to decrease. Moreover, the estimate assumes a slight rise in the portion of exports sold to trade agreement countries (up to 45 per cent of the total). And exporters claim that reaching even these modest targets will require additional incentives to sales abroad.

The parties concerned are not yet unanimous about the exact nature of the incentives. The views of each industry are naturally coloured by its specific needs. What may be regarded as the most comprehensive programme has recently been proposed in this paper by Mr. H. Moller, the managing director of the Ata Textile company.

It amounts, first, to a government export subsidy to be paid for every dollar recovered as added value "to the extent of a compensation for that part of the export losses which are not the responsibility of the individual exporter, but the result of the discrepancy between the relative cost of labour and the rate of exchange." Second, import allocations of raw materials for the domestic market are to be made contingent upon individual exports and whenever possible the total allocations are to exceed demand somewhat so as to keep domestic competition alive (and to allow the most efficient producers, who are able to export, to undersell their lesser brethren). And, third, long-term credit and other financial assistance is to be granted to exporting firms eager to expand their production.

This programme is not likely to find favour with Treasury people, in particular since Mr. Moller envisages a subsidy of IL1.2 per dollar (of added value), for textiles at any rate. It will also encounter much criticism from within the industry. But no time should be lost before we discuss practical export incentives.

Israel to Export Eggs If it Pays

By Our Economic Editor

THE report submitted by the public committee on the poultry industry is a significant although somewhat peculiar document.

The committee, headed by Mr Gvati, the Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, had been appointed by the Minister of Agriculture to "investigate the following questions: problems of supply of eggs and table fowl, prices, agricultural planning, the optimum size of the poultry industry, fodder prices, controls and egg and fowl marketing." One would, however, look in vain in the report for any analysis or earnest discussion of these thorny issues which have been debated in public and *in camera* for a number of years. Instead, the major part of the report is devoted to calculations and estimates of the proposed export of eggs, which the committee approves without reservations. Nevertheless, the recommendations cover a wide field and suggest a pattern of new policy which ought to be of importance to other branches of farming as well.

This new policy amounts to a complete victory of the pro-poultry faction over those agricultural planners who have for years tried in vain to limit the exuberant growth of this industry in order to make room for farming that they consider more appropriate to our economy. Instead of the previous official 2.5m. laying hens the committee takes 3.5m. into account. It allows for 4.5m. table fowl and 0.5 million water fowl, and it actually envisages further expansion. It recommends that poultry growing be pushed again in new settlements, and it would grant them advances of fodder in order to give the settlers an easy cash crop and diversify their produce.

Fodder Subsidy

The report further advises the Government to assure the poultry farmers of an ample supply of feed grain without limiting the number of birds in any way, and to keep stocks and regulate domestic grain prices so that they may not become excessive. Only if this precondition has been fulfilled will the committee hesitatingly recommend (with one member dissenting) that the present subsidy to grain fodder be abolished and that these imports too be placed on the IL1.8 per dollar basis. For the other imports required by the poultry industry (proteins, milk powder, etc.), the present subsidized rate of exchange is evidently to be maintained.

To be sure, most of these recommendations, even the advice to include table fowl fodder requirements in the foreign currency budget, would only legalize the present state of affairs. But it is the first time that public sanction has been given to this policy, although no attempt has been made to reply to its opponents.

The pro-poultry arguments contained in the report may be summarised as follows:

- There is a big domestic demand for eggs and table fowl, which after complete decontrol would presumably allow for a national flock of 6m. laying hens.
- The poultry industry in this country has attained a high level of efficiency and can compete both in output and in the quality of its products with established poultry producers.
- Chicken farming provides a valuable source of income to farmers particularly to those who are inexperienced.
- Table fowl is cheaper — in foreign currency — than frozen meat. One ton of meat costs $250 and provides about 700 kg. of food clean meat, which thus costs us $0.39 per kilo compared with $0.36 for dressed and boneless table fowl.
- Eggs produced locally and based entirely on imported fodder could be exported and have been earning us added value at a rate of 18 to 20 per cent and more. Therefore the poultry industry should be helped to expand even beyond domestic requirements.

30 Million Eggs

The validity of these calculations is of course a matter for experts to decide. The public would be only too glad to learn that the pessimists have again been proved wrong and that yet another branch of our agriculture has already attained a level of efficiency that enables it to compete on international markets. As a matter of fact, Tnuva, Tenne and other marketing firms, which certainly have no intention whatsoever of losing money, are preparing to export 25m. to 30m. eggs this season, or even more, against 5m. last year. And while the prices achieved so far (about 3.7 cents per egg) have not been worthwhile and would not warrant the continuation of exports without government subsidy, exporters hope to come out of the red next year by getting nearer the prices achieved by the Dutch and Danes (4.5-5.0 cents per egg).

But these encouraging facts do not yet provide a sufficient answer to the doubts raised from a wider economic angle. It is somewhat awkward to start developing the commercial export of a commodity which is so heavily subsidized on the domestic market and it would palpably be a sounder procedure to let the poultry industry first find its feet on the basis of a normal rate of exchange and complete domestic decontrol before the plunge into foreign markets is taken in earnest.

Moreover, one should not decide the pros and cons of an expanding poultry industry without also considering the impact it may have on the other branches of mixed farming, bearing in mind for instance that even an export of 30m. eggs at 4 cents would leave us only about $500,000 in added value.

Last but not least, one should not lose sight of the fact that table fowl (which is an essential element in all calculations of poultry earnings) is a semi-luxury and would remain much more expensive than meat even if all subsidies were abolished; and that the present consumption of fowl (and partly also of eggs) is still above what should be considered as normal. There are three reasons for this: the subsidies to the poultry industry, the insufficient development of cattle raising (which is, however, making rapid advances lately) and a national income which we will hardly be able to maintain very long.

Table Fowl

Under these circumstances one cannot easily follow the poultry committee in its assumption that egg consumption will remain at a level of approximately 300 units per head a year as compared with 240 envisaged in the current foreign currency budget and but 200 planned for 1960 under the Agricultural Development Programme; or that while the programme had envisaged that out of a total meat consumption of 18,000 tons a year for a population of two million, only 4,500 tons would be table fowl. The committee seems to believe that this year already total consumption will approximate 25,000 tons, of which 12,000 tons will be table fowl. Possibly our expert economists will find all this appropriate in a modest country such as ours, but in that case it is not just Relativity that is over the heads of just plain common people.

Company Report

'Central Trade' May Expand

THE Central Trade and Investments Company financial structure may expand considerably in the near future in order to provide means for increased investment in affiliated industries and in new ventures, it is reliably learnt. The amount and the form of the proposed issue have not yet been determined, but it is likely that at least part of it will be offered to foreign investors. The scheme is said to have the blessing of the Treasury authorities, which are interested in offering capitalists abroad safe projects in which experienced local business is participating.

The company does a large part of the country's trade in building materials and through its subsidiary, Seher, it is the sole marketing agent for "Nesher" cement at home. It is also active in storage and financing. Its main asset is a 50 per cent share in the Nesher cement factory. It also participates in the General Tire and Rubber Company and owns most of the Natanya Urdan plant, which produces pipe fittings and malleable iron spare parts. Moreover, it is the leading partner in the Agish company, formed two years ago to import building materials from German Reparations.

Further extension of the Nesher plant is to involve an investment of IL5-6m. A second kiln is to be built at the Ramle factory, to boost its output over 250,000 tons a year, and at the Haifa factory the old vertical kilns are to undergo additional improvement.

Urdan's output has been stepped up by new equipment to an average of over 60 tons a month. The factory is already able to supply most of the country's requirements in pipe fittings, and accordingly the import of fittings up to two inches in diameter is to be discontinued shortly. This item amounted to almost $800,000 in 1953 and to over $400,000 last year. Fittings may also be exported, at least to Turkey and Finland.

Insurance Investments

INSURANCE companies' investments in gilt-edged securities may increase as a result of the proposed modifications in the regulations concerning the investment of life insurance reserves, it is reliably learnt. In order to strengthen the companies' liquidity, the draft regulations which will shortly be considered by the Insurance Supervisory Board, envisage more or less fixed limits for the various kinds of investments. The Treasury would offer the companies long-term loans at 6-7 per cent interest and possibly give them also some guarantee either concerning the market quotations of these securities or their rediscounting in case of need for cash.

The total yearly increase in life insurance reserves has been estimated at IL1.5m. It is not supposed that the Treasury's share in this will exceed one third.

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BIGGER CAR AND TRUCK IMPORTS

AN import licence was recently granted for 25 Ford Consul cars and additional licences for motor cars of other makes are to be issued shortly, it is reliably learnt. The current foreign currency budget includes $130,000 for the import of motor cars.

The $75,000 budgeted last year were exceeded considerably by actual import: 506 passenger cars ($762,000) 58 station wagons ($129,000) and 28 jeeps ($42,000) were brought in addition to 54 used cars belonging to immigrants. No foreign currency was allocated for most of the licences for the cars were declared as gifts from friends and relatives abroad, but it is an open secret that the bulk was financed via the currency black market.

Plans to establish a second assembly plant for passenger cars, partly for export, have not materialized and the negotiations conducted by the Kaiser-Frazer company to let it assemble the small Simca cars also broke down at the last moment, the French company not wanting to endanger its sales in the Arab countries.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars were allocated for lorries in 1953-54, and 82 trucks worth $766,000 came in addition to 74 used trucks belonging to immigrants. This year the budget has been raised to $1.5m. Pride of place is to be given to heavy engines with diesel motors. A licence for 32 trucks worth $109,000 was recently issued to the Association of Truck Haulers affiliated to the Histadrut. In addition a number of diesel motors is to be imported to replace worn out benzene motors.

Allocations for "tenders" and vans are also to reach $950,000 this year, compared with $600,000 in 1954/55. A total of 369 vans and trucks were brought in 1954.

The rumoured preferential treatment of the Ford company is shortly to be protested by the other agents at a meeting with the Minister of Transportation.

Anti-Inflation Delay Tactics

From a Correspondent

"INSIDERS" do not believe that our present price stability will endure until Fall. They stress that it is already battered by ever-growing demands for price increases, which will have to be dealt with by the Government after the Knesset election. For the time being the demands are either refused or postponed by all kinds of delaying tactics, but this policy cannot be long maintained.

Farming is particularly affected by the price-freeze, with the dairy branch lagging far behind the targets set by agricultural planners, but a number of food and other manufacturing industries are clamouring that their interests are being sacrificed to the statistical eminence of the c.o.l. index.

It is therefore virtually certain that the c.o.l. clause in wage agreements, the composition of the present index and the whole complex problem of the interdependence of prices and wages will come under fire as soon as the parties and the Government are free to act, untrammelled by the election campaign.

Further, even though prices are more or less stable labour will not easily agree to another year of restraint in respect of wage claims. Although full employment and the relatively stable cost of living have boosted popular saving, luxury spending has also increased and is again luring productive resources from vital projects. That is why so far the Bank of Israel has sternly opposed any credit relaxation, which could easily be misused to make additional inroads in this field.

At the same time, production costs in agriculture are expected to rise this year as a result of the drought, quite apart from the direct losses involved (some 150,000 dunams of winter crops have been lost and a similar area withdrawn from summer sowings.) More water will be required in the irrigated areas, at a cost of perhaps IL4-5 per dunam, and the depletion of underground water resources may result in more expenditure and losses in the late summer. It is the dairy industry that will again be hit hardest by this development, for green fodder is the heaviest water consumer, and the present milk price will become even less realistic. Bread, beer, cement, tires, citrus, and several other goods and services are also queuing up for price increases, looking on wistfully at the bus cooperatives, which have already won their case.

Readers' Letters

EXPORT TO TURKEY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of today, under the heading "Turkey Takes Most Export from Haifa," we read about last week's shipments of various articles from this country.

We are surprised that no mention was made, among the many items specified therein, of our 6.5 tons of dry batteries which were shipped by SS "Aksu" on 28.4. We have been exporting regularly to Turkey for almost two years.

Yours, etc.
RAN LTD.
Tel Aviv, May 4.

OLD-AGE INSURANCE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Although Mr. Gafni's reply (your issue of May 5) seems to be logical, I find "An Old Working Engineer's" arguments more convincing. In my humble opinion, insurance has always been a kind of a risk for the company or Ministry. For instance, a person under 67 years of age may become an invalid after one year of paying his premiums whereas another person over 67 (who began his insurance at 67) may remain able and willing to work after some years of paying his premiums.

I, for my part, have been serving the Zionist cause for more than 50 years of my life, but happen to be over the age of 67 and though quite fit and willing to work I am unfortunately in need for social help. So I dare to ask Mr. Gafni what he would do in my case, according to justice, if not the letter of the law.

Yours, etc.
AN OLD ACADEMIC CITIZEN
(Name and Address Supplied)
Jerusalem, May 2.

CORRECTION

The Alliance Tire Company writes that the actual tax-free dividend for 1953-54 to its stockholders had been 4.40% (IL2.250 on shares that cost IL50.400) and not 15% as reported on this page last week.

The first crepe factory in the Middle East is being established in Kfar Saba

Next month, the modern factory premises for the manufacture of crepe, will be completed in Kfar Saba. This factory, founded by foreign capitalists, with the approval of the Investment Centre, will save the country's economy a quarter of a million pounds yearly. According to experts' opinion, the local crepe will be able to compete in quality with foreign crepe, and 50% of the output will be exported. Mr. M. Kasierer, former manager of "Hameshavek" and founder of "Haogen" Rubber Factory, is the factory's Technical Manager. *(Advt.)*

Stocks and Commodities

Tel Aviv Featureless

WITH a steady undertone, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange experienced a rather featureless week. There were only a few fluctuations and the volume of business slightly declined. Tavel Dollar hardened by 6 prutot and Bank Leumi shares advanced by 7 points, while Palestine Cold Storage and I.L.D.C. shares showed 3-4 point gains. Government Loans were steady while textiles remained practically unchanged. On the other hand, Palestine Potash Preferred lost some 6 points during the week.

New York Irregular

WALL Street witnessed some irregular and sometimes erratic moves. After having touched a low of 422.78, the Dow Jones average for 30 Industrials improved over the week-end to 428.80, as against 425.6 last week. The easier tendency may have been due to doubt whether some industries would maintain their current rate of production throughout the year. One brokerage firm pointed out that current ratios of prices to earnings, with the business outlook problematic for the second half of 1955, justified a rather cautious attitude towards the stock market.

London Firmer

WITH Election Day approaching, the London markets remained quiet with the general tone somewhat firmer. Some market experts adopt the theory that the slump that would follow a Labour victory might be only brief, as bargain-hunters would soon appear. Meanwhile, good company results and production figures helped the sentiment. Some investment buying of industrial equities was resumed. The news that purchase tax on non-woollen cloth is to be removed completely and a sharp cut of tarrif on U.K. cottons in India supported interest in cotton textile shares. German bonds have been active on Germany's restoration to sovereignty.

GOLD — With the Pound Sterling easier, the London gold price was fixed at £250/6d. per fine ounce. In Paris the market was featureless with Napoleons at their lowest levels in a long time.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MAY 9		Rise or Fall
Pop. Loans		
1949/69 (IL.10)	1026	—
5½% Tavel Dollar x)y)	1282	—
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	971	—
4% Reg. Sterling "A" c)	93½	+1
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	94½	—½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 2	79½	—½
Bk. Leumi ord. sh. d)	275	+6
A.P.B. Investm. ord. sh. "B"	1106	—
Gazit ord. sh. "B" c)	102	—
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B"	167½	—
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	101	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	79½	+1
Bisur 4% debs. 56/65	61½	—
Nir 4% Debs. (bear)	92½	—
5% pref. sh.	74	—
Pass 4% debs. 40/64 reg	84	—
"Tnva" 5% debs.	81½	—
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	138	+1
5% debs.	89½	—
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	968	+1
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	91½	—
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	365	+1
"A" ord. shares	165	—
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.)	—	—
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn)	204	+1
Mekoroth pref. sh.	68	—2½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	131½	+1
6-8% conv. debs.	97	—
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" a)	135½	—1
7% conv. debs. 50/68	104½	—1
Moller-Ilse ord. sh. reg. x	1040	—12
Pal.-Brewery 8% con. sh.	96	—
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	154½	—
"Teva" ord. sh.	109½	—
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	112½	—
6% debs. "B" a)c)d)	129	+1
Pal. Cold St 7% debs. c)	145	—
ord. sh. reg.	227	+8
Pal. Centr. Tr 8% debs.	98	—

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex dividend; e) ex right x) Prutot; y) 15.6/15.12

Commodities

COPPER prices turned easier in London in anticipation of details of price stabilization arrangements. Over the week-end the price of copper from Rhodesian mines to U.K. consumers was fixed at £280.- a ton. Wool and rubber were steady but tea was again a depressed market. Reuter's U.K. Commodity Index was 483.1 as against 489.3 a month ago and 490.4 a year ago.

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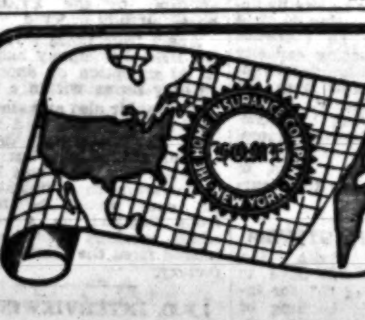

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